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REMARKS

By the present amendment, claim 1 has been amended to eliminate the word "cylindrical" as an adjective for the dirt collecting bin sidewall. The amendment to the claim does not raise new issues because the shape of the sidewall is not material for patentability.

The distinction of the claims over the prior art is in the separator plate and the airflow inhibitors as is apparent from the prosecution of the application, including the prior art cited by Applicant and by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. We believe that the term "cylindrical" is unnecessary for patentability of the claim and does not raise new issues.

Early notification of allowability is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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